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1. The barracks southwest of the airfield were occupied on 16 June 1950 by about 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. A hospital was in one barracks building. About 220 soldiers and a target detail left the installation for the target ranges. About 100 additional soldiers were in the cantonment.

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2. Eighteen AT guns of about 50 mm caliber were under the projecting roof of the repair shop building in the barracks area. Sixteen of the guns were coupled to trucks

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5. An SP gun was in the yard of the See Kaserne. Trucks left the installation on 17 June 1950. (1)

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7. Five mortars of about 120 mm caliber, and two AA machine guns on tripod mounts were seen at the training field on Scholtenplatz on 19 June 1950. There were also two rocket launchers mounted on trucks, with 12-man crews training with them.

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10. Truck [redacted] towing a howitzer of about 150 mm caliber, was seen leaving the Friedrich Franz Kaserne on 21 June 1950. Three 37-mm AA guns were standing in the barracks yard. (1) 50X1-HUM

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12. Six 120-mm mortars were firing at distances of about 300 meters on 20 June 1950. A six-man crew was with each mortar. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

13. Twelve JS tanks, with six soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets squatting on each tank, left the Friedericus Kaserne on 22 June 1950. When the tanks stopped on Wittstocker Allee the soldiers were heard to say "at our Fuerstenberg post." One hour later, about 20 T-34 tanks were seen on both sides of the road running through the Storbeck training area. Two SP guns were seen at Kuhburgsberg. (1) and (4)

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14. Three T-34 tanks were seen at the training area on 22 June 1950, firing at a target village about 600 meters away. Six 120-mm mortars simultaneously fired at the target village from a distance of about 1,000 meters.

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ruppin troops, elements of the 12th Gds Tank Div and
headquarters units of the Second Gds Mecz Army

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were at the post up to 23
June 1950.

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the Neuruppin units of the
12th Gds Tank Div trained with the Fuerstenberg headquarters
tank units of the Second Gds Mecz Army in the Neuruppin-
Fuerstenberg area in late June 1950.

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